

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF 3/24/09 MEETING

Convened: 6:30 p.m.  
Present: Jeffrey Bryan  
Andrew Artimovich  
George Waldron  
Jane Byrne  
David Menter

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable, and signed the register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 3/17/09 meeting. The Board agreed to the changes suggested by Bryan which give more detail to the highway department conversation. The changes recommended by Byrne were discussed. Bryan indicated that he did not believe he said "perfect" as indicated by Byrne. Byrne was certain she heard it from that end of the table. Menter said he did not recall saying it but that perhaps he did and agreed to have the minutes indicate that it was him. Artimovich made a motion to accept the amendments proposed by Byrne. Menter seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Artimovich then made a motion, seconded by Menter to approve the minutes as amended; all voted in favor.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- There will be a department head meeting scheduled for 4/14/09.
- Menter made a motion to approve payment from encumbered funds for a bill from Hoyle, Tanner for engineering work done on the Crawley Falls Bridge. Waldron seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
- The Board requested that a copy of the minutes of the 3/17/09 meeting be sent to Dick Chamberlain along with a cover letter requesting he attend a Selectmen's meeting.
- A copy of the budgeted pay increases that will go into affect 3/29/09 was distributed to Board members.
- The Selectmen would like to hold a "bulky items" pick-up date in Town and require payment for a sticker for each item to be picked up, similar to the white goods pick up.

Gil Tuck was in with the following building permits which the Selectmen signed:

- Chris Rullo of 414 Rte 125 to remodel the interior to add a 1 room store to sell signs.
- Tim Bond and June Little of 4 Lake Road for the installation of an in ground pool.

Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine was in to discuss the following:

- He is working on specs for the new pumper tanker and a utility truck and will then go out to bid for them.
- Lemoine asked the Selectmen how they plan to finance the new pumper tanker. Bryan said he would like to see what is being offered by the dealers when it goes out to bid.
- They have 2 bids for the exhaust system approved at Town Meeting. He prefers the Ply-mo vent system rather than the air handling system. Lemoine indicated that there is really only one dealer of the Ply-mo vent system in the area and inquired if the Selectmen would like him to get any more bids. They said no not if this is the only option in the area and he is happy with what they are offering.

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- The 2 full-time firefighters will begin their new 42 ½ hour work week beginning the first full week of April. There will now be coverage from 7am-5pm.
- Lemoine inquired what can be done with the approximately 6 boxes of cots that were left at the Fire Hall following the December storm. The Board agreed to store them downstairs in the Emergency Management Office at the Town Office.

Wayne Robinson and Christine Belanger were in from the Police Department to discuss the detail rate. Epping's rate is increasing from \$37.50 to \$39. Robinson explained that we have always kept in line with theirs and was wondering if the Selectmen would approve the increase. Bryan mentioned that there has been an increase every year for the past 3 years that he has been on the Board. He inquired if there is any cap on the rate. Robinson said he believes Epping has discussed it but is not sure what the figure is, if there is one. Bryan explained that he's hesitant to approve an increase as, in the end, the increased rates get passed on to the taxpayers in their utility bills. Byrne made a motion, seconded by Menter, to approve the increased rate from \$37.50 to \$39. Byrne and Menter voted in favor, Bryan and Waldron were opposed; Artimovich recused himself. With the tie vote the Board continued discussion. Following discussion, Byrne made a motion to approve an increase to \$39 for all details except Utilities, which will remain at the \$37.50 rate. Waldron seconded the motion. Bryan, Waldron, and Byrne voted in favor; Menter was opposed; Artimovich recused himself. Motion carried to increase the rate for all PD details except Utilities.

Robinson and Belanger also discussed the Revolving Account for Police Details that was approved at Town Meeting. A spreadsheet was shared with the Selectmen which shows the amount that will be reimbursed to the General Fund from the revolving account to cover payroll and related expenses. The Selectmen decided that billings for details worked from 3/13/09 on should be added to the revolving account. Christine will continue to send out the bills and will now ask that payment be remitted to the Treasurer for depositing. A copy of the bill will be forwarded to the Treasurer when it's sent and he in turn will mark it paid when payment is received and return a copy to the PD. The Board agreed to reevaluate the account in July to see if there is enough money to begin reimbursing the town for the payroll expenses. If so, reimbursements would then continue quarterly.

The Board reviewed and/or signed the following documents:

- A copy of the Community Facilities Survey for the Board to review.
- A letter to Patricia Kady regarding the Timber Yield Tax bill as discussed at the 3/17/09 meeting.
- A letter to Unio Realty Trust regarding the illegal camper trailer parked on the Rte 125 property. The letter will be sent certified mail.
- A motion was made by Artimovich and seconded by Menter to appoint James Clark as an alternate to the Library Trustees. All voted in favor and signed the appointment slip.
- A Verified Motion for Contempt and Petition to Attach with Notice from legal counsel for the Willim property was signed by all Board members.
- The MS2, which reports to the Dept of Revenue what the actual appropriations are that got voted in at town meeting, was signed by the Selectmen.

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- The Selectmen approved the RFP for legal services. Waldron suggested, and the other members agreed, that Bar News should be considered as an option for advertising the RFP. Julie will check into the cost.
- An article was approved for submission in the Brentwood Newsletter.

The Selectmen discussed with Road Agent Wayne Robinson the possibility of providing town-wide chipping to residents for ice storm debris. Residents would be asked to pile the brush roadside and the highway crew would make their way around town to chip it and haul it away. Robinson indicated that FEMA plans to reimburse towns for such expenses upon approval of the Selectmen. Since there is a good chance that there will be FEMA funds available for this expense, and in order to expedite the task, Artimovich recommended hiring a tree service to do the chipping. Robinson responded that he could hire some of his plowing crew to come in and give them a hand with the chipping as well as contacting the gentleman who helped them with the chipping during the ice storm. The Board agreed to go ahead with the town-wide chipping. Robinson will work on some dates and give them to Julie to include in the next edition of the Brentwood Newsletter.

Bryan then brought up the necessary shoulder work throughout Town. He mentioned that he got a quote for doing several of the developments in Town. Duane Demeritt of the Highway Department responded that their department takes care of the shoulders every year and intend to again this year. He continued that these shoulders are on Town property and that residents often plant their lawns right up to the pavement, which is in the Town's right of way. Byrne said that she doesn't think the Board needs to micromanage departments; the highway department has done the shoulders on their own in prior years and we should let them do them again this year.

The Board then discussed the letter that is to go to the Attorney General's office questioning the incompatibility issue. There were several drafts of the letter circulated during the week which the Board reviewed. Bryan mentioned that he thinks that in order to get a true answer we need to give them all the information. Waldron said he thinks it's important to send out a letter that all members agree on. After a period of discussion, all members agreed to sign the final version of the letter that was submitted by Waldron.

At 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Artimovich and seconded by Waldron to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens

Amended minutes approved 3/31/09.